



Advocates for additional housing for persons with mental illness gathered in Nashville for a press conference to help launch \$4.5 million in housing grants.

DMHDD/THDA Award Housing Grants

DMHDD Commissioner Elisabeth Rukeyser and THDA Executive Director Janice Myrick announced in February that \$4.5 million was being awarded to provide housing for people with mental illness. The announcement was made at a joint press conference February 21 at the War Memorial Auditorium in Nashville.

The grants are the result of the Creating

Homes Initiative (CHI), spearheaded by the DMHDD Office of Housing Planning and Development. CHI proposes to create 2005 new permanent housing options statewide by the year 2005.

CHI grants were awarded in Nashville, Memphis, Jackson and Chattanooga. Grantees include:

Nashville	
Park Center.....	\$404,928
Foundations.....	281,312
Successful Survivors.....	172,100
Centerstone.....	30,500
Urban Housing Solutions.....	700,000
Memphis	
Southeast Mental Health Center..	\$323,171
Helping CDC.....	100,000
Foundations.....	877,206
Chattanooga	
A.I.M. Center.....	\$323,000
Jackson	
Behavioral Health Initiatives.....	\$1,091,453